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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ZAIRE SITREP, 13 APRIL, 1977

1. FOLLOWING IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND FOR DISCREET USE
IN DISCUSSIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

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2. THERE IS NO REPORTED CHANGE IN THE TACTICAL MILITARY
SITUATION. AS OF APRIL 11, ACCORDING TO RENCH OFFICIALS,
580 MOROCCAN TROOPS HAD ARRIVED IN THE KILWEZI AREA AND
TAKEN UP INITIAL POSITIONS.

3. ZAIRIAN ROVING AMBASSADOR TO ZAMBIA. MOBUTU'S ROVING
AMBASSADOR, LENGEMA, IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN LUSAKA TODAY OR

TOMORROW. WE DO NOT KNOW THE PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP, BUT
SURMISE IT ;AY BE CONNECTED WITH THE RECENT REPORTS OF
ZAIRIAN BOMBING OF SEVERAL ZAMBIAN VILLAGES.

4. UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE. WE ARE WAITING FOR FURTHER
REFINEMENT BY EMBASSY KINSHASA OF THE ZAIRIAN PRIORITY
RANKING OF THEIR VARIOUS EQUIPMENT REQUESTS BEFORE MOVING
AHEAD WITH PREPARATIONS FOR SHIPPING.

5. POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE. THE ATMOSPHERE IN KINSHASA
REMAINS CALM, BUT THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO ARREST
SUSPECTED OPPOSITION FIGURES (TWO IN RECENT DAYS). CALM
ALSO REIGNS IN LUBUMBASHI, KOLWEZI, AND KAMINA ALTHOUGH
SOME SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE SHOWING SIGNS OF
NERVOUSNESS AND ARE MAKING DISCREET ATTEMPTS TO MOVE
THEIR FAMILIES FURTHER AFIELD.

6. AMERICAN CITIZENS. THE MISSIONARY STATION IN KAPANGA
MADE RADIO CONTACT ON APRIL 12 AND REPORTED THAT ALL WAS
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